

## House Resolution 1346

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the memory of George D. Busbee, former Governor of Georgia, and designating  
2 the Georgia Public Safety Training Center as the "George D. Busbee Georgia Public Safety  
3 Training Center"; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, from 1975 to 1983, Governor George D. Busbee led the State of Georgia with  
5 integrity and vision; and

6 WHEREAS, born on August 7, 1927, in Dooly County, Governor Busbee served his country  
7 with honor as a member of the United States Navy before embarking on a successful legal  
8 career; and

9 WHEREAS, he first entered public office in 1956 as a member of the Georgia House of  
10 Representatives, where he served for 18 years, including eight years as majority leader; and

11 WHEREAS, elected as Governor in 1974, he was the first Georgia chief executive to serve  
12 two consecutive four-year terms; and

13 WHEREAS, while in office, Governor Busbee always lived up to his campaign slogan, "A  
14 workhorse, not a showhorse," leading the state with efficiency and moderation; and

15 WHEREAS, Governor Busbee guided Georgians through two recessions while keeping his  
16 commitment to low taxes, thanks to his leadership on the state's budget and his business  
17 acumen; and

18 WHEREAS, Governor Busbee will always be remembered for his foresight on the  
19 importance of high technology companies and international trade, helping to create a  
20 business-friendly environment that attracted to Georgia investors from across the United  
21 States and the world; one of the first governors to travel abroad to solicit business, Governor

1 Busbee's efforts increased the number of international businesses in the state from 150 in  
2 1975 to 680 in 1982; and

3 WHEREAS, Governor Busbee also spearheaded the move for much-needed constitutional  
4 reform, winning legislative approval of a new state Constitution in 1982; and

5 WHEREAS, among the many accomplishments of his tenure, Governor Busbee addressed  
6 prison overcrowding, helped control Medicaid costs, established a state-wide kindergarten  
7 program, and oversaw the completion of the original interstate highway program; and

8 WHEREAS, above all, Governor Busbee's time in office was guided by his great love of the  
9 State of Georgia, and he always remained completely committed to doing all he could to  
10 improve the lives of all of his fellow citizens; and

11 WHEREAS, Governor Busbee died on July 16, 2004, and Georgia will always remember him  
12 for his strong leadership, impeccable character, and dedication to public service; and

13 WHEREAS, considering the invaluable role Governor Busbee played in shaping the future  
14 of our state, it would be a most fitting tribute to his important legacy to name the Georgia  
15 Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth, a facility dedicated to comprehensive training of  
16 state and local public safety personnel, in his honor.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
18 GEORGIA that the members of this body honor the memory of George D. Busbee and  
19 remember his outstanding contributions to Georgia.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in recognition of his important leadership as governor,  
21 the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, located in Forsyth, Georgia, is hereinafter  
22 designated as the "George D. Busbee Georgia Public Safety Training Center," and the  
23 Georgia Public Safety Training Center is authorized and directed to place and maintain  
24 appropriate signs so designating such facility.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
26 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Governor  
27 George D. Busbee and to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center.